

Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governs amendments to pleadings. Rule 15(a)(1) grants a party the right to “amend its pleading once as a matter of course,” if done within twenty-one (21) days after serving the pleading, Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(A), or, “if the pleading is one to which a responsive pleading is required,” a party may amend once as a matter of course, provided that it does so within “21 days after service of a responsive pleading or 21 days after service of a motion under Rule 12(b), (e), or (f), whichever is earlier.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B). The Rule further provides that “leave [to amend the pleadings] shall be freely given where justice so requires.” Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(a).

Plaintiff timely sought and received two extensions of his deadline to respond to the Motion to Dismiss. See documents ## 13, 14, 16 and 17.

On August 13, 2013, Defendants filed a “Notice of Consent to Amend Complaint [and] Amended Complaint” (document #18). Plaintiff filed his “Amended Complaint” (document #19).


It is well settled that an amended pleading supersedes the original pleading, and that motions directed at superseded pleadings are to be denied as moot. Young v. City of Mount Ranier, 238 F. 3d 567, 573 (4th Cir. 2001) (amended pleading renders original pleading of no effect); Turner v. Kight, 192 F. Supp. 2d 391, 397 (D. Md. 2002) (denying as moot motion to dismiss original complaint on grounds that amended complaint superseded original complaint).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Defendants’ “Motion to Dismiss” (document #11) is administratively **DENIED** as moot without prejudice.
2. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties, including but not limited to moving counsel; and to the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, Jr.

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: August 14, 2013

  
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David S. Cayer  
United States Magistrate Judge

